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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce the throughput of a network device connected to a network when the network device controls a network connecting device other than the network device itself or acquires information.

SOLUTION: A node 2 outputs information acquisition request data in which circulation destinations that are circulated in the order of nodes 0, 1, 3 and 4 are described to the node 0 being the first circulation destination. Each circulated node attaches data requested from the self-device to the information acquisition request data and transmits the data to the next

circulation  
destination. Finally, the information acquisition request  
data to which the  
data of all of the nodes of devices being objects are  
attached are sent to the  
node 2 from the node 4. Thus, the node 2 acquires needed  
information from the  
other needed nodes.

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